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1. WIRE SERVICES ARE CARRYING 10 DECEMBER REUTERS STORY FROM SAIGON OVER IAN MACKENZIE BYLINE ALLEGING THAT PRESIDENT THIEU IS QUOTED IN LOCAL SAIGON NEWSPAPERS AS HAVING SAID "THREE LOWER HOUSE ~~MEM~~ DEPUTIES ACCUSED OF ASSOCIATING WITH VIET CONG WOULD HAVE THEIR HEADS CUT OFF IF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DID NOT IMPEACH THEM." REMAINDER OF STORY ATTRIBUTES OTHER LURID STATEMENTS IN A SIMILAR VEIN TO THIEU WITH CLAIM THAT THESE STATEMENTS MADE ON 9 DECEMBER AT VUNG TAU GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR VILLAGE AND HAMLET CADRE. STORY ALSO REPORTS SHARP LOWER HOUSE RESPONSE.

2. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON ABOVE. DID THIEU ACTUALLY MAKE SUCH REMARKS? IF SO, HOW WIDELY ARE THEY BEING CIRCULATED AND HOW ARE THEY LIKELY TO BE RECEIVED AMONG POLITICAL CIRCLES IN SAIGON?

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